

# Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation

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## Weston Collegiate Alumni News

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### President's Message

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope you're all having a great summer.

First and foremost my apologies for what is the latest edition of the Alumni Newsletter to ever go out. 2015 has been a little bit crazy, good crazy, but busy all the same. I got engaged back in February to my long-time boyfriend, Nick, and have been celebrating with family and friends, while starting to put plans in place for the big day. To top that off, we just purchased our first home and moved, which has taken up most of my spare time for the last few months.

In this being a late edition, it has given us the opportunity to celebrate the lives of some very important people to the Weston Alumni Foundation. As many of you know, Stewart Hill passed away last month. Mr. Hill worked with our Foundation for some time and was always a great resource and friend to Weston. He will be greatly missed.

We also recently said goodbye to Anne Martini, the dear wife of our founder, Orlando. While Anne did not attend Weston Collegiate, she was always there to help and support Orlando's passion for WCI and the Alumni Foundation. Orlando, on behalf of the Alumni Foundation, I pass along our deepest sympathies for your loss. Please know that we're here if and when you need us.

The Alumni Foundation has had a busy year, but as always there is much more to do for the current students of Weston Collegiate once we return in September. Our selection committee for the Orlando Martini Award was lucky enough to meet with some amazing students, who had been nominated by their teachers for the award. In doing so, we were able to better gauge what the students really need.

For the past few years, Weston students have not had a Semi-Formal Dance as they have been unable to keep ticket prices low enough for the majority of students to afford to attend. While a Semi Formal may not be an important academic event, it is an important social event for all grades. This is something the Alumni Foundation will be looking to support this coming school year and we appreciate your support in helping to make this happen.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and warm weather and look forward to getting back to work this fall.

Lesley Ross  
President, Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation  
Class of 2007

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### Note from the Editor:

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to this year's Alumni News.

If you would like to contribute your memories from any decade at WCI or help the students of WCI, please email [lesleyanneross@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyanneross@gmail.com).

# Highlights of the 2014/2015 School Year at Weston

## Alumni Midila Anton Returns to Show Weston Some Love

By Nidhi Shelat – Grade 12 Student

Music, Dancing, Singing, they had it all – they even had a martial arts performance! Being a senior at Weston, I can attest to the fact that this was definitely a one-of-a-kind assembly that packed a punch! Among all the talent that is hidden in the halls and rooms of Weston Collegiate, many stepped up and did their part in creating an atmosphere of One Love.



From the moment I stepped into the auditorium, I felt a rush of excitement and knew this assembly would be *different*. Boy, was I right! The assembly was put together by Midila Anton, a WCI Alumna from the Class of 2011. It started with a video representing the equality for all forms of love, with people emerging from behind a large X-ray machine. The idea was the same, but the approach was completely different!

The assembly revolved around a student trying to establish his identity at a new school as a junior – nerds, jocks, musicians, etc. The story of this student was enacted in bits in between performances, along with a unique Weston's clubs. This brought about the realization that Weston is in fact more diverse and accepting of all and any form of love, than one can see at first glance. The Best Buddies Club to Charity Club to ACLC – clubs taking initiatives to make a difference in the Weston community and reaching out to the less fortunate across the nation and around the globe.



One thing was for sure – all those involved had dedicated lots of time to make the assembly what it was. One of the performers, Natalie Vuong, expressed the success of the Assembly, "It was a very heartwarming experience, especially being able to see students I haven't met before perform so wonderfully and confidently. The message of love was truly spread."

The One Love Assembly was a combined effort of the teachers, students, tech crew, performers, and even the audience, which was deeply engaged in each and every performance throughout the assembly!

## Congratulations to our 2015 WCAF Orlando Martini Award Recipients

The WCAF Orlando Martini Award is awarded to deserving Grade 11 students, who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, as well as good citizenship, and have made a significant contribution to extracurricular activities at WCI.

Congratulations to this year's recipients Natalie Vuong and Shaimaa Helal.

## Grade 12 IB Student Earns the Prestigious Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Ekam Uppal has spent the past two years working hard to get to this moment, receiving his Duke of Edinburgh Award pin. Throughout this journey, Ekam was required to complete a series of tasks and assignments under various categories that challenged him and took him out of his comfort zone. In addition, it was essential that he also complete community service and physical activity hours, develop a new skill, as well as undertaking an adventurous journey.

For Ekam, the adventurous journey was his most challenging yet rewarding experience. Ekam, a Royal Canadian Air Cadet since 2008, spent three days in the wilderness with his squadron learning about wildlife and survival in the wilderness. He participated in lessons and activities like wildlife identification, shelter construction, trap making, animal skinning, water collection, and building fires. This was a great learning experience.

Recognized as a leader at WCI, Ekam has been a peer tutor, a school ambassador and a leader, both on our school soccer team and during lunchtime intramurals. This year, he won Best Health Council speech at the Martingrove Model UN. Beyond school, Ekam plays rep soccer, has performed and taught Tae-Kwon-Do for seven years and in 2013, participated in two marathons, including the Scotia Bank Marathon. He also belongs to a community youth advisory group, which concentrates on issues facing today's youth and running programs to assist in their development.

Graduating this year from WCI's International Baccalaureate program, Ekam will be attending Kingston's Royal Military College in the fall to study Engineering.

Congratulations Ekam on this great achievement and welcome to the Weston Collegiate Alumni!

## Weston Students recognized at AHEN Black Student Awards

Congratulations to Anastasia Clarke (Grade 11) and Deborah Dada (Grade 10) who have won a school and community award at the May 14<sup>th</sup> African Heritage Educator's Network AHEN Black Student Recognition Awards.

The African Heritage Educator's Network (AHEN) collectively represents students, educators and parents of African Heritage through advocacy in policy, staffing, parent and community, programming and curriculum. By ensuring student success and strengthening the development of our human resources, we will empower both our students and our communities.

## Weston IB Multicultural Night



On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Weston's International Baccalaureate Program hosted its annual Multicultural Night.

View the link below to see the highlights of the celebration:



Link: <https://vimeo.com/129461288>

## Weston Collegiate evacuated after smoke seen in building

By Tamara Khandaker, Toronto Star Staff Reporter  
Published in the Toronto Star on December 17, 2014

A Toronto high school was evacuated after some smoke was seen in the pool area and fifth floor of the building on Wednesday afternoon.

The smoke was caused by a mechanical problem with a motor in the school's ventilation unit, according to Toronto Fire, who were called to Weston Collegiate Institute shortly after 1:30 p.m.

All students were relocated to three different sites — C.R. Marchant Middle School, H.J. Alexander Community School, and Weston Memorial Junior Public School — and dismissed around 2 p.m.

TDSB spokesperson Ryan Bird said on Wednesday afternoon it was still unclear whether or not the school would re-open by Thursday morning.

The evacuation was just precautionary, according to Toronto Fire.

## Thank you Alumni!

Evan Fortin (Class of 2010), Mallory Gunning (Class of 2009) and Nicholas Silva (Class of 2010) have all returned to WCI and made significant Alumni contributions by continuing the show the same passion for sports at WCI that they did when they were still at Weston.

Evan and Mallory are heavily involved in coaching rugby and Nick coaches volleyball.



The 2014 Weston Collegiate Institute Girls Rugby Team



# Decade News

## Late 1940s, Early 1950s

### Old Boys of Weston

The old boys of Weston reunion is held on the second Tuesday of December each year.

**Weston Collegiate Old Boys Reunion & Lunch**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**  
 at  
**Brampton Golf Course**



**Back Row** (left to right) Bruce Lee, Santo Martini, Bill Bochna, Dave Allatt, Bob MacPhie, Blake Eatough, Doug Heathfield (behind), Howard Stonehouse, Dixon Ambler, Brian Holden, Bill Francis (behind), Ernie Pitman, Ron Hurst, Peter Armstrong.

**Middle Row** (left to right) Gino Guatto, Jack Look, Stew Antram, Pat Falby, Wilf Chard, Sonny LaRose, Stew Hill, Jack Kelly, Jack Bourne, Jim LaRose.

**Front Row** (left to right) Chuck Wardrope, Orlando Martini, Rudy Miller, David Plewes.

Photo provided by Rudy Miller.

### Ladies Reunion

The ladies always meet on the Monday after Labour Day in September.

**WCVS Classmates Reunion**  
**September 8, 2014**  
**Nobleton Lakes Golf & Country Club**



**Back Row**-Left to right: Dana Winder (Dobson), Joan Crawford (Wood), Loretta Meltz (Curtis), Lorraine Hilliard (Kersey), Kathy Hendry (Smith) \*behind, Joan Lohnes (Fleury), June Evans (Hamilton)\*behind, Pat Sibley (Desmond), Ann Price (Fieldhouse)\*behind, Joan Garratt \*behind, Doreen Shackleton (Dobson), Ivy Fenton (Garratt)\*behind, Bev. Gutteridge (Davis), Joan Reid-Bicknell (Powlesland)\*behind, Pat Niepage (Maguire), Jane Scott (Mitchell) \*behind, Elenor Reil (Kotlyck), Florence Thompson (Hamilton), Eleanor McClelland (Lynd)

**2nd Row**-Left to right: Margaret Leckie (Mamie), Peg Falvey (Bradford), Doreen Batterbury (Brayshaw), Barb Wright (Banks), Wanda Stevenson (Anness), Mary Seagrave (Walwyn), Bella Jane Smith (Robertson), Andrea Goodison (Kemmis), June Musselwhite (Anderson), Barb MacDonald (Lynd), Doreen Coulter (Desmond).

**Front Row**-Left to right: Audrey Miller (Grimoldby), Louise Bochna (Lawson), Ines Chard (Martini), Ann Martini (O'Dell), Gail Stephenson (Smith), Lois Livingston (Price), Pat Evans (Tavender/Ross), Ann Whitmore, Judy Jones (Holland).

Photo provided by Audrey Miller (Grimoldby)

### Class of 1951

By Mary Lou Ashbourne (Caskey)

Five Weston Collegiate graduates of the year 1951 met for lunch at the Pickle barrel in Yorkdale Saturday, April 18, 2015. All agreed that we should see if any other of "our vintage" would like to meet for lunch either in the fall or even next spring (although at a certain age this can be problematic)

If you are interested either in being there or contributing to the weighty matters sure to be discussed, get in touch with Marian Ault Boys, Joan Schuler Fritz, Ann Thomson Kendrew, Lois Woolfrey Bowers or Mary Louise Caskey Ashbourne.

You can e-mail Mary Lou Caskey at mashbour@idirect.com.

Stay in good health and be sure to hang onto the railings.

## 1960s/1970s

### Making a Difference: Thank You Ernie Dawson

By Ron McCullough

Ernie Dawson was the auto shop teacher (called Power Technology then) during my high school career, 1968 - 72 and a very significant person in my life. Mr. Dawson was someone who taught me and many, many others what it means to be a teacher rather than just an instructor. He was a personal mentor when I certainly did not have one at home and a professional idol as my life and career evolved.

The sheer number of extra hours that man put in to accommodate me and my best friend Rick Reid would drive anyone to exhaustion today. During class time it was formal Mr. D or Sir, but after class it was always Ernie, because staying late made us young adults or "shop guys".

After graduation I apprenticed and became a licenced mechanic trying to maintain the ethic that Ernie impressed upon us. Later I did my teacher training and have tried my personal best to carry on the effort of supporting teenagers onto the next part of their lives.

There has not been a single day of my teaching career that I have not tried to fit into that teachers very big shoes. It's so unfortunate that life distracts us so much that we don't tell these friends how much they meant to us in the living years.

## 2000s

### Class of 2012

By Devanshu Verma

Devanshu Verma graduated from WCI in 2012 and has a degree from Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts & Nevis, West Indies. He completed one year at U of T St. George, prior to his four years of medical school, which included two years in Chicago, Illinois. Devanshu will be starting his three year medical residency in Internal Medicine in Pennsylvania this July.

Here's what some of Devanshu's WCI classmates are up to:

Cathy Vo graduated from Queens/U of T St. George undergrad and currently studying Pharmacy at U of T.

Akshay Sutar graduated from U of T St. George undergrad and was accepted to start his PhD in theoretical physics in U of T in association with Berkeley in California.

Ciprian Preda graduated from Schulich at York and currently working full time as a trader at Scotiabank on Bay Street in Toronto.

Shivi Gill graduated from Schulich at York and is currently working full time with General Mills in Sales.

Ibrahim Adel Ibrahim graduated from U of T Mississauga and is currently studying Optometry at Curtin University in Australia.

Maira Hassan is studying Law in the UK.

Yisheng Cao (Class of 2009) recently completed his Masters in Public Health from New York and will be studying medicine at Central Michigan University in Michigan this September.

Krum Dochev (Class of 2007) recently graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School at York.

Sam Keen (Class of 2008) is currently studying law in Osgoode Hall Law School at York after returning home from teaching in South Korea and travelling the world.

Daryl Junior (Class of 2008) is currently in his second year studying medicine in St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies

Nidhi Ravishankar completed her undergrad from U of T St. George, and is currently in her second year studying medicine in Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts & Nevis, West Indies

Walter Yeung completed his degree in chemical engineering at U of T and is currently a Combat Engineer in the Canadian Forces.

Victor Stanchev just finished Software Engineering at Waterloo and signed a job offer to start as a software engineer this June at a San Francisco startup called Docker. Victor is currently travelling around Europe during the 2-month gap between finishing exams and starting his new job.

# Weston Collegiate War Memorial

By John Solarski

Over the 158 years of the school's existence, few artifacts have stood the test of time reflecting the history of the institution. With wear and tear and movement from the old building to the current site, objects reflecting the school's history have been broken, lost, or misplaced but one of the few exceptions is the War Memorial Plaque. For 70 years now, ever since the end of World War II, the plaque that recognizes the selfless sacrifice of Weston's young men who answered the call to duty has had a prominent place in our school's buildings.

I can only imagine what it must have been like to be a student at the school when the plaque was first unveiled. Those of you who attended, taught or worked in the old building will likely remember where it was positioned. In the current building, the War Memorial Plaque is prominently displayed on the wall just outside the main office and across from the main doors of the auditorium. Sadly, many students have likely attended Weston for as many as four or five years and have never taken a moment to stop and reflect upon the plaque and what it represents. It recognizes not just the 62 young men that we know of who died in the two world wars but also symbolizes the sacrifices of all those young people who gave of themselves, many who returned wounded physically or emotionally changed for life due to their wartime experiences. It also serves as a testament to an entire community that gave of itself for the greater good of our nation and the entire world.

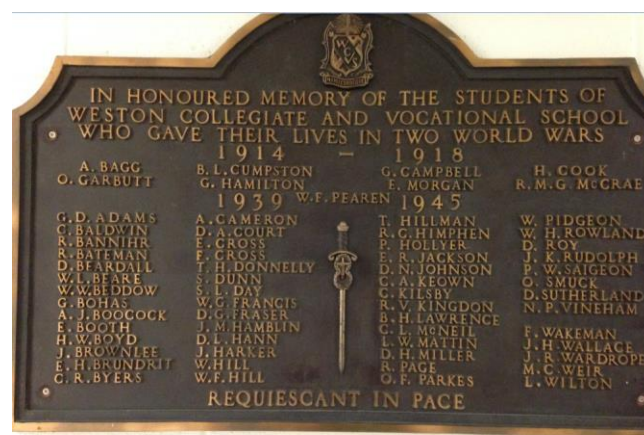
In the years (1984 – 2008) that I was an active member of the teaching staff at Weston, Remembrance Day was recognized in different ways. For many of those years, an assembly was arranged bringing students to the auditorium where a representative of the legion would be on hand, a speech or two would be made; The Last Post would be played; and In Flanders Field would be recited. While those assemblies were meaningful, rarely was reference made of the Memorial Plaque.

For a few years, in the late 90's however, the decision was made not to hold a Remembrance Day Assembly. Instead our students remained in their classrooms and a Remembrance Day program was presented over the P.A. system. For me personally, there seemed to be a greater degree of solemnity with this format. The school was quiet and while it was only sound that we reflected upon, the impact seemed so much greater. I remember hearing The Last Post being played by a member of the band and In Flanders Field being recited by a student but what I remember most is Peter Miller, our long time Head of Dramatic Arts, with a clear and solemn voice, reading each and every name that appears on "our", Weston's War Memorial Plaque. Each name was carefully pronounced and an even pause was placed between each one, assuring that each and every name was heard and reflected upon, giving them the respect that they richly deserved.

On this the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the Weston C.I. Alumni Executive is providing you with the list of names that appear on the memorial plaque at the school.

With reference to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial we were able to give you more than just names.

As much information as could be obtained for each of our fallen reminds us that these young men were just that, young men who left behind families who lived among us in Weston and the surrounding communities. Lest we forget.



The Weston Collegiate War Memorial Plaque currently hangs in the front hall of the school.

## Weston Collegiate War Memorial Plaque

**Adams, George Douglas (Sergeant) B72828**

- Son of Robert & Janet Adams (Toronto)
- 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders
- Died on October 14, 1944 @ the age of 29
- Buried at the Cesena W.C. (Italy)

**Baldwin, Charles Thomas (Gunner) B112445**

- Son of William and Mary E. Baldwin (Weston)
- Royal Canadian Artillery
- Died on July 26, 1944 @ the age of 35
- Buried at Beny-Sur-Mer in Calvados , France

**Bannihr, Robert Huston (Flight Officer) J23899**

- Son of Robert Earl and Elsie Huston Bannihr ( Toronto)
- RCAF – 424 Squadron
- Died on July 6, 1944 @ age of 23
- Buried at the St. Pol W.C. (Pas de Calais, France)

**Beardall, Donald Roy (Pilot Officer) J9450**

- Son of Stanley Haworth and Mary Ellen Beardall
- RCAF
- Died on February, 23, 1942 at the age of 19
- Buried at Park Lawn Cemetery (Toronto)

**Beare, William Leslie (Private) B66035**

- Son of William and Grace Irene Beare (Weston)
- 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders
- Died on October 3, 1943 at the age of 21
- Buried in Bari, Italy

**Beddow, William Whittingham (Leading Aircraftsman) R199311**

- Son of William and Margaret Radcliffe Beddow (Toronto)
- RCAF
- Died on October 14, 1944 at the age 21
- Buried in Groesbeek , Netherlands

**Bohas, George (Lance Corporal) B69642**

- Son Charles and Elizabeth & Husband of Irene Lillian Bohas (Weston)
- Governor General Horse Guard
- Died on May 18, 1944
- Buried at the Caserta W.C. (Italy)

**Boocock, Allan James (Private) B119884**

- Son of David and Florence Boocock (Mount Dennis)
- 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders
- Died on December 16, 1944 at the age of 19
- Buried at the Ravenna W.C. (Italy)

**Booth, George Edward (Flight Sergeant) R105150**

- Son of David W. and Isabel May Booth (Downsview)
- RCAF
- Died on Nov. 8, 1942 at the age of 22
- Buried at Cirencester Cemetery in Gloucestershire U.K.

**Boyd, Harry Wilfred (Corporal) R136157**

- Son of Harry P. and Dora Boyd (Weston)
- RCAF
- Died on June 7, 1944 at the age of 23
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey U.K.

**Brownlee, John Beverley (Flight Lieutenant) C5894**

- Son of Archibald and Isabelle Brownlee (Nashville)
- RCAF
- Died on August 23, 1943 at the age of 36
- Buried at the Brookwood M.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Brundrit, Edward Hodgins (Sergeant) B254**

- Son of Gordon and Frances E. Brundrit (Weston)
- Royal Canadian Dragoons R.C.A.C. – B Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Car Regiment
- Died on May 4, 1945 at the age of 26
- Buried at the Holten C.W.C. in the Netherlands

**Byers, Charles Ross (Flight Sergeant) R127557**

- Son of Charles William and Winifred Beatrice Byers (Weston)
- RCAF – 547 Squadron
- Died on August 18, 1943 at the age of 21
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Cameron, Angus (Pilot Officer) 41900**

- Son of Angus and Adelaide Cameron (Weston)
- RCAF – 63 Squadron
- Died on December 1, 1939 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Court, Donald Alexander (Flight Sergeant) R78092**

- Son of George Alexander and Teca May Court (Toronto)
- RCAF – 411 Squadron
- Died on December 8, 1941 at the age of 21
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Cross, Edward John Arthur (Rifleman) B137034**

- Son of William and Isabelle Cross (Toronto)
- Queen's Own Rifles
- Died on September 17, 1944 at the age of 20
- Buried at the Calais W.C. (Pas de Calais, France)



**Cross, Frederick George (Private) B130259**

- Son of Edward John and Florence Helen Cross & Husband of Helen Susan Cross (Mount Dennis)
- Toronto Scottish Regiment
- Died July 21, 1944 at the age of 30
- Buried at Bretteville-Sur-Laize C.W.C. in Calvados, France

**Donnelly, Thomas Henry (Flying Officer) J17137**

- Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Medal
- Son of Thomas Hugh and Jessie Donnelly, husband of Jean Donnelly
- RCAF – 405 Squadron
- Died on January 2, 1944 at the age of 23
- Buried at Schoonebeek, Netherlands

**Day, Raymond Samuel Lewis (Flight Sergeant) R178676**

- RCAF – 207 (RAF) Squadron
- Died on July 28, 1943
- Buried at the Becklingen W.C. (Germany)

**Dunn, Sidney Gordon Ellis (Sergeant) R78393**

- Son of Philip Henry and Eva Gertrude Dunn (Weston)
- RCAF – 102 Squadron
- Died on October 1, 1942 at the age of 24
- Buried at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, U.K.

**Francis, Wilfred George (Flight Sergeant) R112757**

- Son of George William and Kathleen Francis (Weston)
- RCAF – 419 Squadron
- Died on March 2, 1943 at the age of 23
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Hamblin, Maurice Jack (Flying Officer) J35894**

- Son of Joseph James Gordon and Eleanor Whistance Hamblin & Husband of Marjorie Florence Hamblin (Toronto)
- RCAF died on October 2, 1944 at the age of 28
- Buried at the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery in Yorkshire, England

**Hann, Douglas Leurenza (Flight Sergeant) R255149**

- RCAF – 227 (Raf) Squadron
- Died on November 11, 1944
- Buried at the Becklingen W. C. (Germany)

**Harker, James (Sergeant) B63775**

- Son of Edwin and Edith (Howden) Harker (Toronto)
- 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders
- Died on September 5, 1944 at the age of 23
- Buried at Gradara, Italy

**Hill, Walter (Private) B46082**

- Son of Arthur and Beatrice Hill (Mount Dennis)
- Princess Louise's Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion
- Died on August 10, 1944 at the age 23
- Buried at Beny-Sur-Mer C.W. C, in Calvados, France

**Hill, William Frederick Irvine (Flight Sargeant) R100778**

- Son of Arthur and Georgina F. Hill (Weston)
- RCAF – 420 Squadron
- Died on August 17, 1943 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Malta Memorial

**Hillman, Gordon Thomas (Warrant Officer Class II) R188514**

- Son of Edward and Rachel Hillman (Toronto)
- RCAF (RAF 156 Squadron)
- Died on March 27, 1943
- Buried at the Berlin W.C.

**Himphen, Richard Charles (Sargeant) B79066**

- Irish Regiment of Canada
- Died on October 12, 1944
- Buried in Bari,, Italy

**Hollyer, Percy (Sargeant) R156906**

- Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hollyer (Weston)
- RCAF (78 Squadron)
- Died on June 12, 1943
- Buried in the Reichswald Forest Germany

**Jackson, Eric (Trooper) B133969**

- Son of Thomas and Maud B. Jackson (Toronto)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Princess Louise (N.B.) Hussars, 5<sup>th</sup> Armed Regiment
- Died On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1945 at the age of 22
- Buried at Montecchio W.C. in Italy

**Johnson, Dudley Norman (Lance Corporal) B134307**

- Son of Josiah A. and Lillian M. Johnson (Weston)
- Queen's Own Rifles
- Died on July 18, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at Beny-Sur- Mer in Calvados, France

**Keown, Charles Ashton (Flight Sargeant) R290316**

- Son of Charles Henry and Amy Keown (Weston)
- RCAF (547 Squadron)
- Died on May 5, 1945 at the age of 19
- Buried at the Runnymede W.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Kilsby, Albert Charles (Leading Aircraftman) R193661**

- Son of Albert and Emma Kilsby (Toronto)
- RCAF
- Died on May 14, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Ottawa Memorial

**Kingdon, Robert Verdun (Flying Officer) J28299**

- RCAF (RAF 214 Squadron)
- Died on March 21, 1945
- Buried at the Dunbach W. C. in Germany

**Lawrence, Henry Bruce (Pilot Officer) J23009**

- Son of Ale. Y. and Ella May Lawrence (Weston)
- RCAF
- Died on January 23, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Weston

**McNeil, Cameron Livingston (Flying Officer) J22154**

- Son of John Alexander and Rosetta Catherine McNeil (Woodbridge)
- RCAF (RAF 91 Squadron)
- Died on January 23, 1944 at the age of 24
- Buried at the Brookwood M.C. in Surrey, U.K.

**Mattin, Leslie Walter (Flight Sargeant) R16040**

- RCAF (RAF 166 Squadron)
- died on January 20, 1944
- buried at the Berlin W. C. (Germany)

**Miller, Dave Henry (Warrant Officer Class II) R696410**

- son of Peter and Grace R. Miller (Toronto)
- RCAF (RAF 44 Squadron)
- Died on March 10, 1943 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Berlin W.C. (Germany)

**Page, Russell (Trooper) H64968**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Duke of York Royal Canadian Hussars
- Died on August 14, 1944
- Buried at Bretteville – Sur-Laize C. W. C. in Calvados, France

**Parkes, Orville Frederick (Private) B74054**

- Son of Harry and Margaret Parkes (Humber Summit)
- 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders
- Died on July 27, 1943 at the age of 20
- Buried at the Agira C. W. C. (Italy)

**Pidgeon, George Wallace (Leading Aircraftman) R255200**

- Son of Frank B. and Agnes C. Pidgeon (Weston)
- RCAF
- Died on December 9, 1943 at the age of 19
- Buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Weston

**Rowland, Willard Hugh (Pilot Officer) J42435**

- Son of William Albert and Awilda Rowland (Leaside) and husband of Viola Rowland (Toronto)
- RCAF
- Died on July 6, 1944 at the age of 27
- Buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto

**Roy, Duncan McKenzie (Pilot Officer) J92422**

- Son of Edgar Campbell and Elizabeth Annie Catherine McKenzie Roy and husband of Margaret (Milloy)
- RCAF
- November 20, 1944 at the age of 29
- Buried at Stratford on Avon in Warwickshire, U.K.

**Rudolph, James K. (Corporal) C103297**

- Army (Perth Regiment)
- Died on August 31, 1944
- Buried at the Montecchio W. C. in Italy

**Saigeon, Phillip William (Private) B137999**

- Son of Robert G. and Elizabeth M. Saigeon
- Lincoln & Welland Regiment
- Died on July 12, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Brillkwood M. C. in Surrey, U. K.

**Smuck, Alan Osborne (Flying Officer) J15677**

- Born in Weston on April 21, 1918
- Son of Stanley Allan and Annie Irene (McEwan) Smuck (Weston)
- Husband of Thelma Elizabeth (Calhoun)
- Father of Alan Osborne
- Attended Weston Memorial (1925–33) and Weston Collegiate (1934–39)
- Worked at C C M as a sales clerk
- Enlisted on January 8, 1941
- Died July 14, 1943 at the age of 25
- Buried at the Tilburg General Cemetery in Gilzerbaan, Netherlands

**Sutherland, Douglas Cameron (Pilot Officer) J9860**

- Son of Douglas and Agnes Sutherland (Weston)
- RCAF
- November 4, 1942 at the age of 23
- Buried at the St. Philips Anglican Cemetery in Weston

**Vineham, Norman Philip (Signalman) B32749**

- Son of Joseph and Blanche Vineham and husband of Constance Vineham (Toronto)
- Royal Canadian Signal Corp
- Died July 22, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Moro River W. C. (Italy)

**Wakeman, Harold Frederick (Flying Officer) J27820**

- Son of Arthur Henry and Isabelle M. Wakeman (Weston)
- RCAF (RAF 197)
- Died on October 5, 1944 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Veenendaal Cemetery (Netherlands)

**Wallace, John H (Lance Corporal) B63346**

- Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada)
- Died September 13, 1944
- Buried at the Calais C. W. C. in Pas de Calais France



**Wardrobe, John Robertson (Flying Officer) J20142**

- Son of Charles and Wilhelmina Wardrobe (Weston)
- RCAF (430 Squadron)
- Died on November 6, 1943 at the age of 23
- Buried at the Dieppe C. W. C. in Seine- Maritime, France

**Weir, Martin (Private) B132431**

- Son of David and Margaret Clair Weir (Mount Dennis)
- Princess Louise Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
- Died on August 5, 1944 at the age of 20
- Buried at the Bretteville – Sur – Laize C. W. C. Cavados, France

**Wharton, Cecil Stanley (Guardsmen) B147758**

- Son of Freeman John and Alice (Whiles) Wharton (Mount Dennis)
- Born on April 23, 1924
- Canadian Grenadier Guards (22<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Regiment)
- Died on February 26, 1945 at the age of 20
- Buried at Groesbeek C.W.C. (Netherlands)

**Wharton, Leonard Arthur (Able Seaman) V27329**

- Son of Freeman John and Alice (Whiles) Wharton (Mount Dennis)
- Born on April 26, 1920
- Royal Canadian Navy (HMCS Charlottetown)
- Recipient of the Atlantic Star War Medal
- Died on Sept. 10, 1942 at the age of 22
- Buried at the Halifax Memorial

**Wilton, Leo (Sergeant) R165360**

- Son of George Randolph and Evelyn Wilton (Toronto) and husband of Mary Isabelle Wilton (Toronto)
- RCAF (RAF 514 Squadron)
- Died on December 2, 1943 at the age of 26
- Buried at the Cambridge City Cemetery in Cambridgeshire, U.K.

# Tributes

## Alan Stewart Hill

By Jane (MacMillan) Ross

Stewart Hill was a dedicated member of the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation for many years. Born and raised in Weston, he has been a vibrant member of our community forever. Sadly, Mr. Hill passed away July 22, 2015.

### Alan Stewart Hill (obituary from Toronto Star)

*At Trillium Mississauga Hospital on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, in his 90<sup>th</sup> year. Predeceased by his beloved wife Mary Elizabeth (Bette) Hill. Cherished father of Doug (Colleen) and Nancy. Devoted grandfather to Jim, Mike (Ewelina), Derek (Amanda) and Ashley (Mike) and great-grandfather to Blake, Travis and Colton. Dear brother of Barbara Martin of Sault Ste. Marie. A proud Veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy, Stew was a dedicated educator for 47 years with the Weston and City of York Boards of Education. He had a passion for golf, travel and Oldtimers Hockey and will be fondly remembered as a gentleman with a great sense of humour and a zest for life.*



Mr. Hill's family thanked staff and friends at the Evergreen Retirement Community for their care and support, and requested donations to Cystic Fibrosis Canada in lieu of flowers. A wonderful and moving service was held at Central United Church on July 27 in celebration of a life well-lived, evoking as many smiles and chuckles as tears.

When I first met Mr. Hill, he was the Principal at Weston Memorial Public School. My son Evan was starting his first day of JK, Mr. Hill was starting what would be his final year with the Board. He retired at the end of that school year, but he never stopped working. He returned to Weston Memorial each year to participate in their Remembrance Day services as a special guest Veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy. His stories during these important events provided the children and parents present with a living history lesson.

Following the War, Mr. Hill returned to Weston to teach, first at "Memorial Public School", where he also coached soccer according to one of his students, Weston CI Alumni Past-President Orlando Martini. He later taught at CR Marchant Middle School, was Principal at Cedarvale and returned to Weston Memorial as Principal, where he ended his career.

Following his retirement from the Board, he continued to be very active in the community and I would often encounter Mr. Hill at various meetings, school graduations and other events. He served as Secretary on the Board of Directors for the York West Meals on Wheels, now Humber Community Services for Seniors. Our paths crossed on many occasions with Meals on Wheels when my husband Sandy Ross served as their President.

Stew and I later worked together on the Weston Memorial and Weston Collegiate Alumni Reunion events and I joined him as a member of the WCI Foundation following the 145<sup>th</sup> Reunion event. Working with him on the 150<sup>th</sup> Reunion was truly a pleasure.

Stew was a true gentleman. He was warm, kind, thoughtful and giving, and he had such a wonderful sense of humour. Sometimes, he didn't have to say a word; you knew what he was thinking when you saw that certain smile and the twinkle in his eyes.

He kept active with his volunteer work, golf and coaching hockey. He always had a good word to say or a great story to tell. I will always remember his words to the children during those many Remembrance Day and graduation ceremonies.

"Yesterday is history...tomorrow is a mystery...  
Today is a gift. That is why they call it the present."

We all miss him already.



Weston District Sr. Boys Soccer Champions  
1948-1949  
Back Row - Maurice Hampton (Coach), Doug White, Tom McConnell, Jim Rindborough, Carl Draper, Bill Pollard, Wally Harrison,  
Stew Hill (Asst. Coach)  
Front Row - Don White, Orlando Martini, Jack Ashton, Jack Watson, George Brown, Allan Murley, Ken Harris  
Photo Courtesy - Stew Hill

## Jeannine Evelyn (Ofield) McConnell

By Roger Ofield

Jeannine Evelyn McConnell (Ofield) was born in Weston, Ontario, May 29, 1936, to Leslie and Evelyn Ofield (née Sherblom). She was their second child, and only girl, of four children.

She was raised in Weston but, since her home was off Queens Drive just east of Jane Street (the dividing line between the Town of Weston and North York), Jeannine could not be registered in Weston Memorial Public School. So instead of a very handy, short walk from home to school on the Weston side of Jane, she attended Maple Leaf and then Hardington public schools in North York Township. However, after graduating elementary level it was “off over the line” to Weston Collegiate and Vocational School (WCVS) and the good life of collegiate/high school years. Especially remembered was her grade 12 year and the honour of being crowned “Queen of the Ball” at the annual At Home in 1953. Jeannine graduated in June, 1954.

On week-ends and summer vacations, Jeannine served at the lunch counter in Inch’s Drugstore where she was well-known by many Westonites as “the tall blonde young girl.” Later, she worked as a cashier at Loblaw’s in town and at Crang Plaza. Jeannine also was a “candy striper” at Humber Memorial Hospital. She always enjoyed her part-time jobs while going to school and, through them, she met many people with whom she readily made friends. She lived by her mantra of “a job worth doing is worth doing well.” Jeannine was frugal and managed her hard-earned dollars well – she had goals, and she was saving toward them.



Prom Queen of 1952, Helen Shewfelt, crowning Jeannine Ofield, Prom Queen of 1953

After graduating, Jeannine pursued teaching studies at Toronto Teachers College for which the Strathcona Trust Committee awarded her a bursary in recognition of her teaching proficiency, personality, and keen interest in physical training. She received her Ontario Teachers Certificate in June, 1955. That summer, Jeannine attended McMaster University taking Child Psychology and Health Education. While at McMaster, she was honoured a second time when she was crowned “Miss Summer School”, 1955. Then in September, she commenced her teaching, Grade III at Maple Leaf School, the school where she had received her first public school education.

In the summer of 1957, Jeannine married Robert (Bob) McConnell in Westminster United Church in Weston. Bob, also a Weston man and a WCVS grad, was a dedicated, adoring, and loving husband with the calmest personality and endless patience – always supportive of Jeannine and their two children Scott and Brenda.

In 1971 Bob’s work took the family to Drummondville, Quebec, where they lived for about ten months. While there, Jeannine was a supply teacher in the English school. They returned to Rexdale in 1972, and just two weeks prior to Labour Day, Jeannine was offered a full-time teaching position with the Etobicoke Board of Education, in a Special Education class. And there, her passion for teaching really took off. It was in this realm where she had the greatest impact and where she made the biggest difference in the lives of the children she taught. During this time, Jeannine also attained her B.A. in psychology from York University. She ultimately transitioned to performing student assessments for the Etobicoke Board of Education where she worked until she retired in 1992. She had a strong work ethic, and was extremely loyal and trustworthy.

Jeannine loved to travel. She and Bob covered a wide portion of the globe, from Europe to Central America to the Far East and, closer to home, trips to the Yukon and Alaska. Whether it was by land or by sea, they enjoyed them all to the fullest. She appreciated learning about the cultures and geography through those first hand experiences, and often followed their journeys with her trusty map on her lap.

Jeannine embraced her church communities of Palgrave United and Norway Point (Lake of Bays). She was a strong supporter of charities, especially Sleeping Children Around the World. She and Bob created a summer haven in Muskoka where she loved to swim and canoe. She was so grateful to have had one last summer there in 2014 after she had been diagnosed with cancer.

Bob had promised her from the beginning, "We'll get through this together." After a courageous battle with the disease, and three days after being admitted to Bethell Hospice in Caledon, Ontario, on December 27, 2014, Jeannine passed away with Bob at her side. She was very grateful for the outpouring of love and support she received on her journey – a journey of courage, conviction and grace. As she put it: "this is my turn."

Rest in Peace, dear Jeannine. You are dearly and lovingly remembered.

## Tuffy Zidner

By John Zidner, Ron Zidner, and Barb (Zidner) Leek

Tuffy Frank Zidner was born on the family farm in Lithuania May 12, 1926.

He immigrated to Canada with his mother and younger sister in 1933 to join his father, who had immigrated in 1930 to find a better life for his family.

He graduated from Weston Collegiate and Vocational School and then worked in the family woodworking business, married and started a family in Weston.

Tuffy entered the real estate industry in 1954 to seek a better life as his father had before him. He made his mark at the Toronto Real Estate Board over his 60 year membership, serving as president in 1975 and subsequently being made an honorary life member.

Tuffy was also active with the Weston Business Improvement Area (BIA) for many years and was a long-time member and president of the 400 Lions Club while sponsoring many hockey and baseball teams. His many contributions to the community included his work in helping establish the original Humber River Hospital on Church Street.

Tuffy died peacefully Aug. 19, 2014 at his lifelong home in Weston.

Zidner is survived by his wife, Gillian, of 29 years, his six children, Gerald, Ronald, Rosemarie, Barbara, Richard and James, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.



## Clarence 'Baz' Mackie

(Obituary from Toronto Star)

Suddenly at Southlake Regional Hospital on August 2, 2015 at the age of 83. Predeceased by his beloved and best friend Marilyn. Lovingly remembered by his children Douglas, Jo-Anne Love (Rod) and Stephen, as well as his grandchildren Jayne, David and Kevin. Baz was born in Weston, Ontario and attended Weston Collegiate and Vocational School. Next he attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education.

Following university, Baz spent 32 years in Secondary Schools with the North York Board of Education including Principalship at three schools. When he retired in 1989, he spent ten years delivering a peer based drug workshop for 'Parents Against Drugs' in secondary schools around the Province. At university, Baz played football for three years, followed by three years with the Toronto Argonauts. Baz was very proud of being selected to the All-Century Team at the University of Toronto. As well he was recently inducted into the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 1954 Yates Cup champions.

Baz grew up in a musical family. He sang and played guitar and piano, as well as church choirs, he sang with the Queensmen of Toronto Male Chorus for 43 years.

According to Baz's wishes, a private family burial will take place at St. James United Church Cemetery. A Celebration of Baz's life took place on Monday, August 10th at noon, at St. James United Church, 2230 Victoria Street, Stroud, L9S 1K5, which was followed by a reception at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 54 St. Paul's Crescent, Barrie L9J 0E2. In lieu of flowers, it is the family's wishes that donations be made to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie or to the charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family by visiting [www.innisfilfuneralhome.ca](http://www.innisfilfuneralhome.ca).

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.



**Susan Mary (Burgess) Elliot**

By Allison Elliot

Susan was born on October 2, 1945. She grew up on George Street in Weston with her parents, her older brother (Charles) and older sister (Marilyn (Burgess) Kerr). She attended King Street Public School and Weston Senior Public School prior to attending WCVS. Susan graduated from the Commercial division of WCVS in 1964.

Susan dated several young gentlemen while at school but it was John Elliot who caught and kept her eye. They dated for a few years before marrying on March 19, 1966. John had enlisted in the US Army and completed his three-month basic training in Fort Benning, GA. During his time there, he called Susan and proposed over the phone. They decided to get married during his leave following basic training – a short three weeks later! John began his army career immediately thereafter and it wasn't until August of that year that Susan received her immigration papers and moved to San Francisco to join her husband. While there, she worked for the Bank of America.



They stayed in California until John was honourably discharged three years later, then took a leisurely motor trip across the country, ending up in Pittsburgh, PA, where John had landed a job in the financial services industry. They subsequently moved to Lancaster, PA, where they raised their two children, Keith and Kristin.

Susan worked as a mortgage administrator in Lancaster for many years before retiring. John retired as well and they spent winters touring the south west and east States in their well-equipped RV, meeting and keeping many friends along the way, before finally settling in Kissimmee, FL. They returned to Lancaster in the summers to be with their children and grandchildren (5 in all) until John's illness prohibited travelling such a distance. They ultimately made Florida their permanent residence. John sadly passed away on June 15, 2011.

Even though Susan had developed many close relationships with her American friends, she never lost touch with her Weston mates, no matter where they were. She was terrific at keeping "the gang" together.

Susan was a very talented person, taking great joy in sewing, or knitting, or crocheting, or crafting gifts for all her family and friends. She could make something out of nothing. She was always supportive of her family and friends, never thinking twice of giving of herself to help out whomever, whenever and wherever she could.

She loved her family and was completely devoted to them all. And they were all equally devoted to her, seeking and appreciating her wisdom and guidance.

Susan continued to live in Florida following John's passing, making annual trips to Pennsylvania. Susan quietly passed away on March 19, 2015 in Kissimmee – joining her husband once again – on the anniversary of their wedding 49 years earlier.

Susan will be sorely missed by many.

Susan will be repatriated in a Celebration of Life grave site service to be held at Sanctuary Park Cemetery in Weston on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., reception to follow at Central United Church.

## Harry Harley, M.D., M.P.

By Orlando Martini

*The following article was published in our 2004 Newsletter.*

"Harry Harley grew up in the south end of Weston (Lippincott Street) and graduated from the Vocational wing of WCVS shortly before the end of World War II. Following graduation, he served in the R.C.A.F. for about one year, then completed grade 13 and enrolled in medical school at the University of Toronto.

Immediately following graduation from med school, Dr. Harley joined the Canadian Army and served the military for five years (1951-1956). In 1956, he moved to Oakville and set up his medical practice.

To quote Dr. Harley's wife, Marguerite (Bolton) Harley (also a WCVS alumna), Harry seemed destined to change careers every six or seven years. And so, after working as a medical doctor from 1956-1962 he entered Federal politics and became a member of Lester B. Pearson's opposition. He was re-elected in 1963 and 1965, but decided not to run in the 1968 election. During his stay in Ottawa, Dr. Harley feels that his government's most noteworthy achievements were the

adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag and the establishment of the Canada Pension Plan. While in Ottawa, he also chaired a committee that dealt with health matters and drug pricing. After leaving the political scene, Dr. Harley worked as a medical underwriter for an insurance company and later served as Medical Director of the Salvation Army Grace Hospital in Toronto.

The Harleys have two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren."

Sadly, Dr. Harley passed away on September 27, 2014. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Marg. He leaves his children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our condolences to Dr. Harley's family.



## Isobel (Nixon) Sommerville

By Lynn (Sommerville) Childs

Isobel (Nixon) Sommerville was born in Owen Sound in 1923 to Edith and Richard Nixon. She was the younger sister to Ted (deceased 1955) and Leona (deceased 1992). The family moved to their home on Robert Street in 1929. Her mechanic father owned Nixon's Garage on Weston Road just south of the 401. Her mother was active in the Eastern Star and the family attended Central United Church. Isobel went to Memorial School and Weston Collegiate. As a young girl she participated in dance lessons and performances with her friends Dorothy Ehnes, Francis Allen and Grace McKinley. The girls continued to be friends and kept in touch over the years.

In 1944 Isobel married Leslie Sommerville, a young Air Force boy who became a 37 year member of the Toronto Fire Department. The young couple built their own home on Portage Avenue just 'up the lane' from her parent's home where their daughters Lynn and Beverley were raised. The entire family was active at Central United and curled at the Weston Golf Club. Lynn and Bev are both retired teachers living in Haliburton and Streetsville. After selling their home, Isobel and Les (2005) resided in their Etobicoke condo. Isobel remained very active with her condo friends, bridge partners and grandchildren until her passing in August 2014 in her 92nd year.



## Paul Reginald Drury Ambrose

By Doug Musselwhite

Paul was born in Weston and grew up on Fern Av. His father Reg managed the Pollock's Shoe Store on Weston Rd. Paul attended King St Public, Weston Senior Public and WCVS, from which he graduated in Commercial in 1960. While in school, he had a Toronto Star route in his neighbourhood.

Paul was active in the cadet corps at WCVS and later as a reservist in the Queen's York Rangers. He worked for over thirty years in the Accounting Dept. at Kodak Canada.

After retiring, he and his partner Marie Peters moved to Rocklyn, ON, which is in Grey County, south-east of Owen Sound, where he passed away at the age of 73. At his request, his body was donated to the Anatomy Dept. at U of T and was later interred in St. James Cemetery.

Paul was predeceased by his older brother Jack and survived by his younger brother David and his younger sister Margaret Ann. All his siblings attended Weston schools. While growing up, they enjoyed the family cottage on Georgian Bay.

Paul was a great talker, a born salesman and loved to be around people. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

## Willard Peterson

By Lesley Ross

Willard Peterson was a beloved history teacher, who taught at WCI from 1988 until his retirement in 2005.

I was privileged to be in Mr. Peterson's Canadian History class in one of his last years at WCI during the 2004/2005 school year. It was in 2004 that the CBC had launched The Greatest Canadian, which let Canadians vote for whom they considered to be the greatest Canadian of all. Mr. Peterson had encouraged our class to follow the series closely, as we would be learning about many of the politicians, inventors, activists, and those who played crucial roles in protecting our country, throughout the year. It was during this time that a true love for Canadian History was instilled in me and led to me pursuing a minor in history in university.

Thank you Mr. Peterson. I am positive I wasn't the only student you inspired during your time at WCI with your love of history and passion for sharing your knowledge with your students. You will be greatly missed and always remembered.

***The below memorial was provided to the Alumni by current Weston teacher Claudia Santos, who attended the service for Willard Peterson:***

### In Loving Memory

Willard Peterson passed away all too suddenly on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. He was father and mentor to his son Anders and step-son Troy, and an eternal confidant to the family and friends that now must say goodbye.

From his mother Mina came the spirit of family that brought passion to his role as ancestral archivist; someone that each of us ever closer to our roots. From his father, Willard Sr., came his strength of character, love of politics and storytelling.

The student of history within him would no doubt grin that in a different age he would have been called Willard the Younger, but to his close friends and family he will always be known as Junior. Junior in name, yet someone who stood as a leader in his community, from his chosen vocation as a teacher to his ardent and continuous support for local history and conservation. His strong sense of loyalty extended to the world around him, and his latest years were spent pouring his strength into the environment he cared so deeply for.

He loved his family, his friends, and the home that hosted endless gatherings and reunions.

Willard, you will always be remembered.



# In Memoriam

Since publication of the last alumni Newsletter in July 2014, the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation has been informed of the passing of the alumnae/alumni/staff listed below. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the families and friends of the deceased. Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

Era	Name	Residence	Date
Staff 1996-2006	Bhanu Jayantilal Vyas	Mississauga, ON	November 15, 2013
1950s	Marlene (Ferguson) Cribar	Belleville, ON	April 18, 2014
1970s	Douglas Gowen	Stouffville, ON	July 6, 2014
1930s/40s	Isobel (Nixon) Sommerville	Etobicoke, ON	August 5, 2014
1940s	Murray Barons	Kleinburg, ON	August 9, 2014
1940s	Tuffy Zidner	Weston, ON	August 19, 2014
1940s	Harry C. Harley M.D.	Oakville, ON	September 27, 2014
1940s/50s	Margaret (Creighton) Montgomery	Shelburne, ON	September 28, 2014
1950s	Paul Ambrose	Rocklyn, ON	November 4, 2014
1950s	Donna Anne Shales	Stratford, ON	December 13, 2014
1950s	Jeannine (Ofield) McConnell	Palgrave, ON	December 27, 2014
1950s	Allan Stephenson	Woodbridge, ON	January 1, 2015
1940s	Jack A. Usher	Aurora, ON	January 24, 2015
Staff 1988-2006	Willard Petersen	Holland Landing, ON	February 8, 2015
1940s/50s	Patricia (Newsome) McLeod	North York, ON	March 1, 2015
1940s	Russel Cornish	Lindsay, ON	March 12, 2015
1940s	Larry Deaville	Fairfax, Virginia	March 18, 2015
1960s	Susan (Burgess) Elliot	Kissimmee, Florida	March 19, 2015
1940s/1950s	Robert (Bob) Douglas	Wasaga Beach, ON	March 31, 2015
1930s/40s	Lloyd O.A. Bailey M.D.	Etobicoke, ON	April 3, 2015
1930s	Helen (Eagle) Abrahams	Richmond Hill, ON	April 4, 2015
1960s/70s	Linda Mary (Armstrong) Brown	Weston, ON	June 9, 2015
1940s/50s	Marcelle 'Bunny' Skorupa	Toronto, ON	July 7, 2015
1940s	Alan Stewart Hill	Mississauga, ON	July 22, 2015
1940s/50s	Clarence 'Baz' Mackie	Innisfil, ON	August 2, 2015



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On behalf of the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation, I would like to thank our many very generous donors. Your gifts enable the Alumni Foundation to support the students now attending Weston Collegiate.

Each year, the Foundation honours two students nominated by staff for the Orlando Martini Awards. Last year, it was very difficult for the award committee to choose only two. For the first time, three awards were presented. Our 2014 honourees were Daniel Drigo, Katherine Collier and Ruchi Vijh. These students will be graduating in 2015.

In 2014, the Alumni Foundation created a new award in honour of the late Gary Hamara, who taught English at Weston Collegiate for many years. The inaugural Gary Hamara Memorial Award was presented to Muna Hussein.

Weston Collegiate has been very fortunate over the years to have a great number of awards and scholarships to honour graduating students. Many of these awards honour our alumni and community. It was our pleasure to assist in the funding of three of these awards for the 2014 Commencement ceremony. The Ray Saikkonan award was presented to Brian Joyce, the History of Weston Prize went to Mathura Thirugnansasampanthar and the EHG Worden Foundation Scholarships for the highest grade averages in Grade 12 were presented to Simran Bir and Kennedy Le.

Each year, students from four area middle schools visit Weston Collegiate to learn about the programs available to them as they prepare to select the Secondary School they will attend for the next four years. To build excitement during their visits, the Alumni Foundation has donated E-Readers to be awarded as prizes to a lucky student from each of the visiting schools. These donations also serve to identify Weston Collegiate as a school with an active Alumni Foundation.

This past year, the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation has also provided funding to assist with the school Year Book and the year-end Prom Night Celebration.

Your generous donations allow us to continue our mandate to support the student body of our school.

Thank you for your support.

Jane Ross  
Treasurer, Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation

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